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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NIH RESEARCH PROJECT ENTITLED "ASSESSMENT OF SAFETY AND TOXICITY AMONG INFANTS BORN TO HIV-1 INFECTED WOMEN"

REFS: A) STATE 120703, B) BRASILIA 1701

11. On August 29, 2006, Embassy received from the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Division of Science and Technology, (DCTEC/MFA) an official notification (number 049, dated August 29, 2006) approving the research project proposal entitled "Assessment of Safety and Toxicity Among Infants Born to HIV-1 Infected Women," (contract number HD33345-13, protocol PACTG 1054-ACTG 5190), under the direction of Dr. Esau Custodio Joao. Informal translation of the approval notice follows:

12. Begin text:

"Dear Counselor,

I hereby inform you that after consultation with relevant federal agencies, the project "Assessment of Safety and Toxicity Among Infants Born to HIV-1 Infected Women", to be developed by Dr. Esau Custodio Joao Filho, of Hospital dos Servidores do Estado, Rio de Janeiro (RJ), with the financial support of "National Institutes of Health" (NIH), was approved by the Brazilian government.

2) I emphasize that for the collection and transfer of data and/or biological material abroad, procedures should conform to current legislation.

Best regards,

Cordially,
For/Everton Frask Lucero
(Signature/Ricardo Novaes)
Head of the Division of Science and Technology"

End of text.

13. The Embassy sees no adverse foreign policy implications with respect to this research project. We reiterate the importance of complying with Brazilian law on the export of data and biological material and medical research involving human beings.

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